

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at pages 1-2, lines 4-23 and 1-3 respectively, as follows:

This patent document is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/005,053, entitled "Videocommunicating Apparatus and Method Therfor", filed on January 1, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/908,826, filed on August 8, 1997 (now U.S. Patent 5,790,712), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/658,917, filed on May 31, 1996 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/303,973, filed September 9, 1994 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/838,382, filed on February 19, 1992, (now U.S. Patent No. 5,379,351). This patent document is further related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,220 [] (8X8S.246PA), entitled "Communications System Architecture" and filed on June 16, 2000; to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/880,706 [] (8X8S.247PA), entitled "Communications Service Provider Network" and filed on June 13, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,035,935) June 16, 2000; to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,221 [] (8X8S.248PA), entitled "IP Phone Circuit Arrangement and Method" and filed on June 16, 2000; to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/211,993 [] (8X8S.254PA), entitled "High Availability IP Telephony" and filed on June 16, 2000; to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,215 [] (8X8S.255PA), entitled "System Interface Implementation for Hosted iPBX" and filed on June 16, 2000; to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/211,992 [] (8X8S.256PA), entitled "IP Telephony Station Equipment" and filed on June 16, 2000; and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,219 [] (8X8S.257PA), entitled "iPBX Hosting" and filed on June 16, 2000. All of the above-mentioned documents, as well as the documents appended hereto, are fully incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph at pages 8-9, lines 11-23 and 1-3 respectively, as follows:

The OOP controller is configurable for use in various applications including system administration, office administration, personal communications management, and service provider administration of subscribers. ~~For more information regarding example applications to which the present invention applies, reference may be made to "8x8 Intraswitch Synthesis of Form," append hereto and fully incorporated herein by reference.~~ In one example embodiment of the present invention, a series of OOP controllers is used in a user facility having telephony service through an IP telephony service provider. Each OOP controller in the series is programmed to provide various access and control levels to various users depending upon the level of access desired for each individual OOP controller user. Controller access can include various control selections, such as selections for global service provider controls, local system administration controls, office administrator functions, and end-user control functions for individual communications management. By using configurable OOP controllers, the facility's communications systems can be operated from any platform capable of operating on OOP, with each controller being configured based upon the status of the user making communications control selections.